

REMARKS

None of the claim shave been amended or cancelled. Claims 1-13 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claims. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Senbonmatsu (U.S. Publication 2004/0070809).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Senbonmatsu has a U.S. filing date of August 20, 2003. The present application claims priority to May 28, 2003 and November 29, 2003. Accordingly, Senbonmatsu has a U.S. filing date which is after the earliest priority date of the present application.

Therefore, Applicants hereby enclose verified English translations of the priority documents Korean Patent Application No. 2003-34179 claiming priority to May 28, 2003 and Korean Patent Application No. 2003-86116 claiming priority to November 29, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn because Senbonmatsu does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 3-7 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Senbonmatsu (U.S. Publication 2004/0070809).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claims 3-7 and 10-13 depend from independent claims 1 and 8, respectively, and as noted above, Senbonmatsu does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 3-7 and 10-13 are allowable at least because of their dependency from independent claims 1 and 8 and the reasons set forth above and request that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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